

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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I Claim the Blood

This is a song that speaks to my heart. I do not know who the author or composer is. I share the words with you and pray that they speak to your heart.

1. I have a source of strength when I am weak,
that takes me through when life is pressing me,
I have a source of power from above,
I'm covered over by a shield of love.

2. I do not know how others make it through,
who do not go to Calvary as I do,
for there's a healing, cleansing stream that flows,
with peace that only His redeemed can know.

Chorus:

I claim the blood Jesus shed on Calvary,
those precious blood stains were made there just for me,
for all my sin, my sickness and my pain;
when I need healing, I claim those precious blood stains.

People are on edge today as many who go to "church" know not the Lord Jesus Christ – to include those standing in the pulpit. There is a day of reckoning for the false prophets who are leading people astray as did the Pharisees in Matthew 23.

People are flocking to the "churches" whose "leadership" makes them feel good, and, yet, they leave just as empty as when they went. People today are endeavoring to make a statement in response to all that is going on in this nation to bring it down. Some take their own lives trying to make a statement, but to no avail. The roller coaster has no off switch, and those in authority will

It is His way or no way. Moses, in Deuteronomy 28-30, makes it clear that we can choose death – or we can choose life. This is life in the Lord Jesus Christ. Joshua said, Choose ye this day whom ye will serve (Jos 24).

Let us go forth in the Name of the Lord, rejoicing that we have been counted worthy to walk with Him and suffer with Him – come what may, even if we lose all our worldly belongings but **not** our soul (Phil 3.8-10).

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

continue doing what they desire at your expense regardless of what you do to come against them.

There are those who have ears but cannot hear or understand, who have eyes but cannot see.

This is the time, as has been all through history, that we must turn to the **Blood** of the Lamb as the **Blood** of the Lamb is our source of strength when we are weak, when life is pressing in. It is Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God Who brought Abraham through all that he endured in the call of God in Christ Jesus upon his life. It is Jesus Christ Who brought Moses through – as He did Joshua, Deborah, Huldah, the virtuous woman, the prophets, John the Baptizer, the disciples, the women in Romans 16, Paul, and all the martyrs for Jesus through history to include today.

Beloved, it is Jesus Christ Who will bring you through your trials and temptations. But, you must know that Jesus brings His redeemed through it all – even in what most of us consider to be the last days. It is not going to be easy; it is not easy. But the Lord Jesus Christ calls us to walk with Him.

However, before one can walk with Him, one must go to the Cross of Christ, one must “Kneel at the Cross” knowing that Christ will meet you there. We must come to realize we are sinners and repent of our sins and be able to sing, “I Claim the **Blood**” of Jesus Christ. When we have experienced the **Blood** of the Lamb upon our lives, we can then go forth rejoicing that Jesus is our provider.

Though we may lose materially such as houses, jobs, income, we must come to realize that Jesus Christ is our provider in these times. I am like many of you who may be living in tumultuous times of losing a lot materially: I am scared at times, wondering how I will make it. Then there are times I am reminded that the Lord is my provider.

There are times that I have received a check I did not expect – just at the right time. But, then, there are times I have wondered what is going to happen if such and such happens to me. And nothing seems to happen – except – except – a word comes from the Lord to remind me as He did His servants of old, “Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God [*is*] with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Jos 1.9).

This morning, my colleague and I were in the chapel and realized there are reflections of a cross upon the walls, three corners. We have tried to determine from where they are coming, how they are being reflected – to no avail. My colleague understands reflections and lighting as she is good in

photography. We finally decided just to let go and say, “Thank You, Jesus, for reminding us of the work that You did on Calvary for us. Help us to walk with You regardless of the cost and the pain for nothing compares with what You did for us on Calvary.

Beloved, these are days that we must be in the Word to discern from whom what we hear and see is coming. If what we see and hear does not align with the Holy Bible, then begin lifting up the Name of Jesus and walk away from it.

We see on the news where people who are living in sin say they are seeing Jesus, that Jesus visits them. When I see what they are calling the face of Jesus or other experiences, I begin claiming the **Blood** of Jesus as I know these are people that know not the Lord God in Jesus Christ, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – nor recognize His Presence.

Stand fast in the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not all roads lead to heaven. There is only one road, one way, and that is through the **Blood** of the Lamb, through the Name of Jesus Christ.

Know that there are times in which we walk in dryness or did as St. John of the Cross in *The Dark Night of the Soul*. There are times in which we may not hear a word from the Lord, but we need to walk on in His truth that comes from the Holy Bible. We need to know that there was a time when the Father said of His only Begotten Son, “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased.” But when Jesus was on the Cross being crucified for our sins, no word came from the Father.

It is only life in Jesus Christ, living in His holiness and His righteousness, that will bring us through, take us across Jordan to be with Him forevermore. This is all that counts: a life lived for Jesus Christ right now where you are regardless of the circumstances. Oh, yes, there is discouragement on every side, but there is joy and peace walking with Him, knowing that He has gone before us on every side.

Though the rocks cut and bruise our feet on the *Via Dolorosa*, there is the Balm of Gilead that is healing as we walk with Him – all the way, as we walk with Him through the narrow gate. Remember there are those who would tell you that the majority cannot be wrong. I tell you the scripture makes it clear the majority is wrong. The gate in Matthew and Luke is narrow and few there be that enter.

I cannot say enough about reading the Holy Bible in context. Read one of the books of the Bible through. Do not lift verses out of context – though you may not like what it says. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life. and let the Holy Spirit bring conviction in your life to bring you to His holy living, His righteousness.